

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

This application is the US national phase of international application **PCT/JP2003/014113** filed **5 November 2003** which designated the U.S. and claims benefit of **JP 2002-380657**, dated **27 December 2002**, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend "Production Example 1" beginning at line 11, on page 18 as follows:

Production Example 1 (Production of Liquid crystalline polymer (a))

Starting material monomers as below, a metal catalyst at an amount of 30ppm based on K⁺ relative to a resultant resin and an acylation agent at an amount of 1.02 times the summed equivalent of the amino group and the hydroxyl group were charged in a polymerization vessel equipped with a stirrer, a reflux column, a monomer charge port, a nitrogen introducing port, and a depressurization/fluxion line, and nitrogen substitution was started.

(A) 4-hydroxybenzoic acid: 59.22g (20% by mol)

(B) 2-hydroxy-6-naphthoic acid: 161.38g (40% by mol)

(C) Acetoxy-4-aminophenol: ~~71.23g~~ 64.81g (20% by mol)

(D) Isophthalic acid: ~~64.81g~~ 71.23g (20% by mol.)

Please amend "Production Example 2" beginning at line 8, on page 19 as follows:

Production Example 2 (Production of Liquid crystalline polymer (b))

Polymerization was carried out as in Production Example 1, except that the charge amount of starting material monomers were determined as follows:

(A) 4-hydroxybenzoic acid: 122.8g (40% by mol)

(B) 2-hydroxy-6-naphthoic acid: 125.48g (30% by mol)

(C) Acetoxy-4-aminophenol: ~~55.39g~~ 50.39g (15% by mol)

(D) Isophthalic acid: ~~50.39g~~ 55.39g (15% by mol.)

Potassium acetate catalyst: 22.5mg

Acetic anhydride: 196.7g